(5) Thennel project;

(6) Gidangal project;

(7) reservoir on Pennar in North Arcot limits to benefit portions of North Arcot and South Arcot;

(8) excavation of a right side channel from Vadakkanandal anicut on the Gomukhi (since carried out); and

(9) diversion dam across Mani nadhi for extension of irrigation.

"(*c*) All the schemes except item 8 were dropped previously not only on account of poor return but also owing to doubts as to availability of water supplies for the schemes.

"(*d*) A preliminary examination was made of a proposal same as item 7 of answer to clause (*b*) to impound the waters of the South Pennar involving the construction of a reservoir at Sathanur in Tiruvannamalai taluk for bringing under irrigation about 75,000 acres in the North Arcot and the South Arcot districts. The scheme was dropped as there was doubt about supply being available, after meeting the requirements of existing irrigation under the river.

"(*e*) With a view to take up the Sathanur scheme, if possible, the Government have called for a report from the Chief Engineer (Irrigation) who is re-examining it. He has promised to investigate the scheme in detail, if adequate supply is found available. The Chief Engineer's report is awaited. Besides the Sathanur scheme, the following schemes will also be undertaken if the result of their preliminary investigation which is proposed to be made, proves favourable:—

(1) Thambipettai odai project;

(2) reservoirs on the Mani nadhi, Muktha nadhi and Gomukhi; and

(3) reclamation of Kaliveli swamp in a modified form."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—"What about the scheme for impounding the waters in the South Pennar? Has it been definitely abandoned?"

THE HON. SRI K. R. KARANTH :—"As stated already a report has been called for in the matter."

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

* MR. PRESIDENT :—"Before going to the next item on the agenda, I would like to take the House into confidence as to what I propose to do with regard to the general discussion on the Budget beginning from to-morrow. Hon. Members are aware that we have got four days this time and that means twenty hours. Ignoring four hours for question time, we have got only 5-40 p.m.